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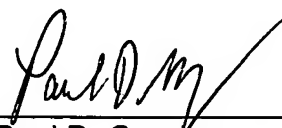
an apparatus system, classified in class 422, subclass 234+. Inventions Group I and Group II were said to be related as process and apparatus for its practice. The Office Action further sets forth that inventions I and II are distinct, each from the other because the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process such as a process for separating water, sulfur compounds, aromatics, or olefins from a hydrocarbon mixture.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1 to 26. This election is made with traverse. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in the future.

Allowance of claims 1 to 26 is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,



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